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WHEAT TWO CENTS HIGHER.

AND BAD CROP NEWS. July Stronger Than May, Making

MARKET VERY STRONG ON WAR

Gain of 2 3-Se-Corn Up 1-2c, Oats 5-Sc. and Provisions 2 1-2 to 5c. Chicago, April 24.-Wheat was very strong

to-day, the May option adding 1%c to the 1%c advance which marked yesterday's session. July was even stronger, closing at a gain. Undoubtedly the war news had effect, but to the excited advance at San Francisco and bad crop reports from that neck of the woods was due most of the advance. Altogether, shorts had a bad day of it. Other grain and provision mar-kets also exhibited strength, corn advancing %c, oats %c and provisions 2%g5c.

May wheat, which closed yesterday at 74%@75c, started in to-day at from 75%c to

The, the lower of these quotations being the lowest of the day. July commenced at the lowest of the day. July commenced at 175/4c@75/4c, an advance of 3/61/4c, and touched 56 on an early reaction. May rose in the course of the forenoon to 773, and July to 77/4c. Closing prices were 75/4c for May, and 76/60/74c for July. It was an exciting day in the pit. Everything seemed to favor an advance, and the air was made to quiver with the amount of bull news that was set in motion soon after the opening. Acceptance of spot wheat offered to the United Kingdom yesterday afternoon on the basis of 76/3c, Chicago; 80,000 bushels No. 2 spring wheat reported worked for export in the first fifteen minutes of this morning's session; 10,000 bushels more added inside of the next half hour, and May wheat selling at 11 in St. Louis, were featwheat selling at \$1 in St. Louis, were features which made things fairly bubble. But perhaps the most exciting news came from California. It was to the effect that hot winds were sweeping over the wheat sections of that state, and, with continued drouth, were greatly injuring the growing crop, which would be practically ruined by a few days' continuance of such conditions. An excited advance of 5c per cental in the price on the San Francisco curb was regarded as confirming the reported critical situation of the crop. The war news was also a c iderable factor and probably accounted for the 1½d advance at Liverpool, which started the local market on the rampage. Shorts were unmistakably alarmed, and the extent to which they covered was shown in the 2½c advance elling at \$1 in St. Louis, were feat-

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very strong, with covering going on actively
to the last minute.

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and the fear of going "short" over Sunday
were also influences and considerable covering was done. Experts were liberal again,
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25%c, closing strong at that price.

Cats were very strong. The wet weather
it the West alarmed shorts, as did the war
news, and their covering made an unusually active market. There was a sharp cash
demand, with sales of 500,000 bushels: May
opened ½c higher at 17%c, sold a shade under that, then advanced to 18½c, closing at
18½c.

Provisions started out rather week, in

TELEPHONE 2438.

DEALERS IN GRAIN AND PROVISIONS,
STOCKS AND BONDS.

Reference, by permission: Midland National Bank, First National Bank, New
England Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

There was quite a rush to market yesterday and values broke to under the influence of increased offerings, but demand good at the decline, mixed especially showing life. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 25 cars early at 21%c, 8 cars special billing at 22c, inter 5 cars at 21%c and 8 cars at 21%c; 4 cars yellow early at 22c and 1 car at 22%c; May, 20,000 bushels at 29%c and 6,000 bushels at 21%c and 2 cars with good billing at 21%c. No. 2 mixed, 7 cars with good billing at 21%c, 3 cars at 21%c and 3 cars at 21%c and 2 cars with special billing at 21%c and 2 cars with special billing at 21%c and 2 cars with special billing at 21%c and 2 cars at 20%c. No. 2 white, 4 cars at 22%c, and No. 4 white, 2 cars at 20%c.

Send for entry blanks at once. Entries close May 12, '97.

track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, nominal at 20@21c; No. 3 mixed, 18@18c, 1 nominal at 20@21c; No. 3 mixed, 18@19c, 1 car at 19c; No. 4 mixed, 16@17c; No. 2 white, 21½@23c; No. 3 white, 20@21c, 1 car at 20½c; No. 4 white, 19@20c, 1 car at 19½c. RYE—Receipts past 24 hours.... Same time last year..... Shipments None on sale, hence no market. Prices

None on sale, hence no market. Prices nominal. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 316/33c and No. 2, 296/30c. FLOUR—Firm in sympathy with wheat and demand good from the consuming trade. Quotations: Soft wheat, per 109 pound sack, patents, \$2, 406/2.56; extra fancy, \$2,906/2.25; fancy, \$1.85/92.00; choice, \$1.86/92.180. Hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, \$2,006/2.10; straights, \$1.90/92.00.
CORNMEAL—Dull and weak. Quoted at 416/48c per cwt., bulk.
CORN CHOP—Demand light. Quoted at 416/42c per cwt., sacked.
CASTOR BEANS—Scarce. Prices nominal. Car lots, \$1.10 per bushel; less, \$1.00 per bushel. per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Demand good and prices steady. Cash, 6865c per bushel upon the basis of pure.

BRAN—Slow sale; unchanged. Sacked, 536 lic per cwt.; bulk, 46647c per cwt.
HAY-Recelpts past 24 hours... 330 tons lame time last year ... 310 tons hipments ... 320 tons

Heavy rains fell Friday in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, and light showers in the other grain states.

New York reported twenty-loads of spring wheat worked for export vesterday. spring wheat worked for export yesterday mostly at outports to Liverpool.

The four Atlantic ports and New Orleans cleared for export yesterday \$2,000 bushels of wheat and flour and 797,735 bushels of corp.

A special from Chicago says: "The local cashsales of wheat were somewhere around 20,000 bushels. Most of it is for direct ex-

A San Francisco message says: "Wheat opened in a roar of excitement. Operators fell over each other in order to get into the market. The market opened at an advance of 3 cents."

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"In thirteen weeks this season Argentine wheat shipments have aggregated only 1.584,000 bushels, against 11,102,000 bushels for the same time last year. Argentine shipments the past week were: Wheat, none, against none the previous week and 624,000 last year."

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The primary market receipts yesterday were 335,000 bushels of wheat, against 270,-000 bushels a year ago. Shipments were 99,000 bushels; last year, 224,000 bushels. Cern receipts, 335,000 bushels, a year ago, 332,000 bushels. Shipments, 464,000 bushels; last year, 449,000 bushels.

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The exports of wheat and flour from the United States and Montreal in the forty-two weeks since July 1 amount to 128,704,638 burbels, against 103,124,000 bushels in the corresponding time a year ago, 119,731,000 bushels two years ago and 142,997,000 bush-

Exports of Indian corn amounted to 4,769,—315 bushels the past week, against 2,328,000 tha previous week, less than 1,000,000 bushels in the week of 1896, less than half as many in the corresponding week of 1896, and as compared with 1,642,000 in the third week of April, 1894. els three years ago.

The United States consul at Odessa wires Pillsbury: "I confirm previous statement concerning failure of winter wheat in Southern Russia. Each day brings reports of more gloomy character and it may be safely predicted that with the loss of win

ter wheat the present crop will be below an average." Guthrie, O. T., April 24.-(Special.) There is no truth in the reports telegraphed out from Wichita that Oklanoma wheat had been badly damaged by sand storms. The wheat is all right in every part of the territory, and the yield will be the largest in the history of Oklahoma. In many counties the wheat is in joint and will be ready to harvest within four weeks. Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts and from St Johns, New Brunswick, are 1,654,658 bush-

Johns, New Brunswick, are 1,654,658 bush-els the past week, compared with 1,344,000 bushels the preceding week, 1,128,000 bush-els in the week a year ago, 2,431,000 bush-els two years ago, 2,727,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 2,507,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

A San Francisco special to a Chicago firm says; "California wheat districts are firm says: "California wheat districts are being swept by high, hot winds. Growing wheat crop is damaged and suffering. A

few days continuation of the present weather will ruin the crop. The weather bureau predicts hotter weather to-day and to-morrow with no indications of rain. May and December wheat excited and advanc-

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Provisions started out rather weak, in sympathy with a similar feeling in the live stock market. A slight decline followed the opening, but prices soon strengthened with the sharp advance in wheat. The market also felt the war news. English houses sold liberally on the advance and some reaction followed. At the close, May pork was 25% higher at \$5.5%, May lard 25% libera at \$4.17%, and May ribs 5c higher at \$1.17%, and hay ribs 5c higher at \$1.17%, and hay

one of the bull troubles now.

London, April 24.—The weather continues unseasonable and the cold retards vegetation with the result that the wheat crop etation with the result that the wheat crop

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K.C. Chi. St.L. Tot Past week

Same time last year. 1,000
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Shipments 1,000
Higher under the influence of a light supply and good demand. Mixed and white both wanted and all good samples selling higher than for a long time. By sample or Route, Swift, safe and luxurious.

MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

STOCKS WERE DULL AND SAGGED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

lower Prices in London Had a Con trolling Influence Upon Values Here, It Still Being a War Market-Decline at Close.

Saturday's usual duliness characterized the local money market yesterday. There was little or no demand for money from any source. Rates, however, were held steady at 708 per cent. Very little currency going to the country. The flow now being rather inward than outward. Bank clearings, \$1,597,578, same time last year, \$1,489,304, an increase of \$168,374, a gain of 7 per cent. For the week, \$10,637,780, against \$10,027,901, an increase of \$509,873, a gain of 6 per cent.

per cent.
Eastern exchange weaker.
Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, toote it as follows: New York, 50c premum; Chicago, par; St. Louis, par.
The gold reserve yesterday was \$155,252,-New York bank statement Saturday showed an increase in loans of \$859,000; in specie of \$448,800; in legal tenders of \$3,323,-600; in deposits, \$5,925,000, and in the surplus reserve, \$2,291,000, making it now \$49,257,500 renerve, \$2.291,000, making it now \$49,251,500 above the 25 per cent rule.

There is just now going on in Boston many public improvements of most extensive character, says W. F. Wyman, the broker, who is just back from the "Hub" city. The underground street railway system alone, it is said, will require \$7,000,000; the new Union station, which is to be of a most magnificent character, it is estimated will take \$5,000,000, and the new water works extension will expend over \$1,000,000. These, with other smaller improvements, it These, with other smaller improvements, it is thought, will furnish wages of at least \$15,000,000. With these vast public expenditures and a revival of manufactories and a more conservative policy of banking that is now being pursued throughout New that is now being pursued throughout New England, it is thought, but little money may be expected from that section for in-vestment in the West the next few years, and it is the general feeling there that they have seen their cheapest money. Gen-eral business, he reports, dull, both in Boston and New York. Kansas City he found favorably mentioned everywhere and it is conceded to be in better condition than most cities of the Union.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, April 24.—Money on call easy at 16:1½ per cent; last loan, 1½, closed offered at 1 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½:4½ per cent; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers bills at 48:86:48:8½ for demand and 43:85:48:48:64 for sixty days; posted rates, 44:56:48:7½ and 34:83:46:48; commercial bills, 34:85; per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 15-16 per cent; for three months bills, 13½ per cent.

New York, April 24.—Clearings, \$2:52:4.75; balances, 16:86:11.

Boston, April 24.—Clearings, \$14:846,317; balances, 18:34:581; for the week, \$60:89:134; balances, \$1:34:581; for the week, \$60:89:134; balances, \$2:127,432.

Clincinnati, April 24.—Clearings, \$1:293,150; money 56:6 per cent; New York exchange, 50:c premium.

Chicago, April 24.—Clearings, \$1:23:2437; New York exchange, 40:c premium; foreign exchange barely steady; demand, 34:854; sixty days, 34:86%.

St. Louis, April 24.—Clearings, \$2:580.815; balances, \$3:6.164; money 56:7 per cent; New York exchange, 50:c premium bid, 75:c asked. Memphis, April 24.—Clearings, \$1:89.917; balances, \$3:6.164; money 56:7 per cent; New York exchange, 50:c premium bid, 75:c asked. Memphis, April 24.—Clearings, \$188,917; balances, \$3:4.51; New York exchange selling at \$1:50 premium.

New Orleans, April 24.—Clearings, \$189.917; balances, \$2:4.761; New York exchange selling at \$1:50 premium. Money at Home and Abroad.

State and Railroad Bonds. New York, April 24.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Alabama, class A, 106; Alabama, class B, 104; Alabama, class C, 100; Alabama currency, 100; Louislana new consols, 4s, 95½; Missouri 6s, 100; North Carolina 6s, 12; North Carolina 4s, 102; South Carolina non-fund, ½; Tennessee new set 6s, 79, Tennessee new set, 5s, 105; Tennessee, new set, 3s, —; Tennessee old, 6s, 60; Virginia centuries, 64; Virginia deferred, 4; Atchison 4s, 75½; Atchison 2d A, 43½; Canada Southset., 38, —: Tennessee on, 88, 99; viginia centuries, 64; Virginia deferred, 4; Atchison 48, 79%; Atchison 2d A, 43½; Canada Southern 2ds, 105½; Central Pacific 1sts of '95,102½; Denver & Rio Grande 78, 112%; Denver & Rio Grande 48, 87%; Erle 2ds, 63½; Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, 104½; Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, 78, 25½; Heuston & Texas Central 68, 100; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2d 48, 56½; Mutual Union 68, 112; New Jersey Central general 58, 112; Northern Pacific 2ds, 52½; Northwest Consols, 145; Northwest S. F. debenture, 58, 114½; Rio Grande Western 1sts, 72½; St. Paul Consols, 78, 122; St. Paul, C. & P. W., 58, 115½; St. Louis & San Francisco general 68, 110½; Texas Pacific 1sts, 67 '96, 102; West Shore, 48, 108%.

As reported yesterday by Houston, Fible & Co., over their private New York wire: Due. Int.due. Bid. Ask. Reg. 2 per cts. Opt. Q. Mar. 3652.
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Silver. New York, April 24.—Ba- silver, 61%c per ounce: Mexican dollars, 48%c. London, April 24.—Bar silver, 28%d per

New York, April 24.—The duliness of the trading continued to-day and the market sagged from inanition. The lower prices of American securities on the London exchange gave the tone to the opening here where prices of the international shares promptly adjusted themselves to the London parity, except in the cases of Reading and Southern preferred. These two stocks were an exception on the London exchange in showing fractional gains over the New York closing. But New York declined to adopt the London view of them and they sold here at a decline about proportional with the other internationals. Advices from the European exchanges indicated a more serious view of the war than has been taken since the first trading on Tuesday, after the Easter holidays, and the outbreak of hostilities. Consois were off a small fraction and cable advices from sources that have persistently belittled the Greek claims admitted serious reverses to the Turks. The decline in the internationals was in consonance with the rise in wheat, consistently with Wall street's new principle of counting hurtful to stocks what is beneficial to grain prices. For the wheat, consistently with Wall street's new principle of counting hurtful to stocks what is beneficial to grain prices. For the rest, the features of interest in the day's market were exceedingly scarce and were confined to peullar conditions affecting particular stocks. There was a slight rally in the list at one time, but the selling pressure was resumed and prices declined to the close.

The following was the range of prices yesterday, as furnished by the C. S. Lee Commission Company, 200 New York Life building:

—Closed—

14% 26% 81 981/2 34 18% 52 121/4 791/8 5214 7914

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, April 24.—BUTTER—Receipts, 4,739 packages; steady; creamery, 126/15c; Elgins, 17c; factory, 86/12c. CHEESE—Receipts, 910 packages; quiet; state large, 96/12c; small, 96/12d; cpart skims, 46/9/c; full skims, 24/6/3c. EGGS—Receipts, 8,358 packages; steady; Western, 94/6/10c. Chicago, April 24. — FLOUR—Receipts, 5,000 barrels, and shipments, 4,000 barrels, 1rregularly higher. Winter patents, 43,309/4,50; straights, 34,106/4,25; spring patents, 32,306/4,26; straights, 33,66/6/3,90; bakers grades, 22,30/6/3,25, BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 126/16c; dairy, 96/14c. EGGS—Higher at 84,69/3/c.
St. Louis, April 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 7,000 barrels, and shipments, 5,000 barrels, Market higher, but nominally unchanged. Patents, 44,906/5,00; extra fancy, 43,55/6/4,70; fancy, 33,55/6/4,56; choice, 33,25/6/2,55, WheAT—Receipts, 11,000 bushels; shipments, 9,000 bushels, Spot strong; No. 2 red, cash, cle-

vator, \$1.00 bid: track, \$1.02; No. 2, hard, cash, \$5c bid; May, \$1.00 asked: July, \$25,62 \$23,c; August, 79½c asked: September, 80c. CORN—Receipts, 48,000 bushels, and shipments, 55,000 bushels. Spot easier; No. 2, cash, 22c bid: May, 225,c; July, 24½c asked: September, 25%c bid. OATS—Receipts, 48,000 bushels, and shipments, 29,000 bushels. Spot lower: No. 2, cash, 19½c bid; May, 19%c bid; July, 19%c bid, BRAN—Dull, firmer; sacked, east track, worth nominally 53,65c. HAY—Qulet, but steady; prairie, 41.00,68.50; timothy, \$8.50,612.50. BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 136,183/gc; dairy, 86,15c. EGGS—Firm, 8c. PORK—Higher; 8,25,68.55. LARD—Higher; prime steam, 34.05; choice, 44.10. BACON—Boxed shoulders, \$5.52; extra short clear, \$5.37½; ribs, \$5.50; shorts, \$5.62½. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders and extra short clears, \$5.60; ribs, \$5.12½; shorts, \$5.52. Liverpool, April 24.—HAMS—Short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, firm, 43s 6d. BACON—Short ribs, 20 to 24 pounds, firm, 28s. WHEAT—No. 1 red, Northern spring, firm, 6s 7d. CORN—American mixed, spot, new, firm, 28 3d; April, 2s 73,d; May, firm, 2s 83,d; June, firm, 2s 93,d;

Yesterday's Chicago Market. Furnished by the French Bros Com

Wheat— May \$ July Sept Corn— May July	7514 7514 72		75	\$ 76% 76%	
May			41.52	73%	71
Sept	26	261/2	26	2615	25%
July Sept	17% 18% 19%	181/4 193/8 20	171/2 185/6 191/4	181/s 191/s 191/2	1844
July 8	52¼ 65	8 65 8 75	8 47½ 8 60		8 5234 8 623 ₂
May 4 July 4 Sept 4	2216	4 271/2	4 2214	4 1714 4 2714 4 3714	4 2214
8 Ribs— May 4 July 4 Sept 4	75	4 80 4 85 4 90	4 70 4 75 4 8214	4 75 4 80 4 874	4 70 4 75 4 80

white, 22@23c.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, April 24.—COFFEE—Opened steady, 5@10 points higher on better news from European markets. Further advanced on local buying. Receipts were below the average, while warehouse deliveries were larger than in several days. Closed steady, 15@25 points higher. Sales, 16,250 bags, including May. 2.00%,30c. Spot coffee—Rio steady; No. 7 invoice, 7%c; No. 7 jobbing, 8%c; mild barely steady; Cordova, 12%@14c. SUGAR—Refining, 2 13-16c; centrifugal, 96; test, 3%c; refined steady; mold A. 4%c; candard A, 4%c; confectioners' A, 4%c; cut loaf, 5%c; crushed, 5%c; powdered, 4%c granulated, 4%c; cubes, 4%c.

New Orleans, April 24.—COFFEE—Ordinary to low fair, 114@13c. SUGAR—Open kettle quiet, 24@2 11-16c; centrifugal steady; white, 1 11-16c; yellows, 3%m3 7-16c; seconds, 2%m2 3-16c. MOLASSES—Steady; centrifugal, 5@9c. Others unchanged. Coffee and Sugar. gal, 5/49c. Others unchanged.

Rye and Seeds.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24.—Rye-37c, track, Flaxseed-74c. Timothy seed-Prime, \$2.50 ### Archives of the control of the c

Cotton.

New Orleans, April 24.—COTTON—Futures steady; sales, 38.90. April, 7.16c bid; May, 7.19c; June, 7.20a7.22c; July, 7.22a7.23c; August, 7.08a7.09; September, 6.87a6.73c; October, 6.61a6.62c; November, 6.87a6.64c; December, 6.87a6.64c; December, 6.87a6.64c; December, 6.87a6.64c; December, 6.87a6.64c; December, 6.87a6.67ac cember, 6.66@6.68c; January, 6.69@6.71c.

Lead and Zinc.

New York, April 24.—Lead—Weak; brokers' price, \$3.12½; exchange price, \$3.25@3.30, Spelter—Quiet; domestic at \$4.1964.20, St. Louis, April 24.—Lead—Duil at \$3.07½ @3.12½. Spelter—Firm at \$3.95.

G. A. King & Co., of Toledo, O., issued their report of winter wheat yesterday. It is computed from 4.165 replies from grain dealers and millers covering every county in the six principal winter wheat states.

t says: Winter wheat will be another short crop. Winter wheat will be ausither short crop. There was more winter wheat killed than usual. Condition averages about the same as two weeks ago. Season is two to three weeks later than a year ago when it was a triffe early. Very few complain of insect damage. Illinois looks the worst. The prospect there now is only a quarter of an average crop. About half there say it will be a total failure. Two-thirds of the acreage sown was winter killed. Indiana promises only a triffe over half a crop. Conditions lately worse than two weeks ago. About one-third winter killed. Missouri also looks bad. It promises less than two-thirds of an average. About a third of the acreage is being plowed up. Ohlo has the best outlook. It now promises nearly an average crop. About 10 per cent of the acreage was winter killed. Michigan looks now like nearly an average crop, but needs growing weather. Some acreage has been winter killed, but it is early to tell definitely. Kansas is an uncertain state. It has a fair prospect now and has improved a triffe this month. About a fifth of the acreage was winter killed. was more winter wheat killed than

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introduced himself as Mr. Blank from Missouri. "I've been seeing you around the capitol for some time," he said, "and was going to speak to you before, but thought I wouldn't trouble you until I had troubled

everybody else."
"That was considerate, anyhow," laughed the correspondent.
"Yes, and I wish to goodness people were
as considerate of me," responded the Misas considerate of me, beautifully. It seemed. as considerate of me," responded the Mis-sourian rather disconsolately, it seemed. "What's wrong?" asked the correspond-ent, wondering what the man was after. "Well, I don't seem to be assessed at my true value."
"Nobody is," contended the correspond-"Nobody is," contended the correspondent good humoredly. "Two-thirds is the usual value of assessment, you know."
"I don't get that much. In fact, I am utterly left out."
"Oh," exclaimed the newspaper man with a gleam of new intelligence, "you are looking for an office, are you?"
"Exactly," and in a moment of hurried explanation he communicated his full identity.

The correspondent was almost overcome and was sure he had hit upon a crazy man.
"My dear sir," he said in a tone of conciliation, "from what you tell me you are a rank Democrat, and don't you know that the present administration is not only Republican, but Republican to the back-"Of course I know it, and that's why I want you to help me. You are a Republican, and I've been tackling Democrats entirely heretofore."

"But I can't do anything for you." pro-tested the correspondent. "The adminis-tration is Republican and you are a Democrat." The applicant for a job actually looked "That's just what I'm banking on," he said. "For four years I've been working tooth and toenall to get something from the Democrats, and never got so much as a smell. Now, doesn't it look reasonable a smell. Now, doesn't it look reasonable to you that a man the Democratic administration wouldn't give the ghost of a show ought to be the very kind the Republican administration ought to take care of? Say, now, doesn't it?"

He Sang for His Supper. She (during the bad quarter of an hour before dinner)-"Sing something for me;

THE BURLINGTON ROUTE. The Best Line to St. Paul.

Mr. Famish-"Certainly; with pleasure

Mr. Famish Certainly, with pleasure. (Sings.) 'Oh, I want you, mahogany! I want you, want you, Oh, I want you, mahogany—yez, I do!'"—Judge.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK MARKET. CATTLE OFFERINGS NEXT TO NOTH-

ING AND LITTLE TRADING.

Hogs Off Again, but in Very Good Demand and Pens Were Cleared Early-Sheep Dull, Weak, and but Few In.

Western receipts past 24 hours: St.L. 8,600 34,000 12,200 lean steers at 1014@1112c; sheep at 10146 1214c; refrigerator beef at 9@914c; exports 1.050 beeves; 285 sheep, and 4.330 quarter of beef. Cattle, Calves,

| REPRESENTATIVE SALES. | No. Av.Wt. Price. | No. Av.Wt. Price. | DRESSED BEEF AND EXPORT STEERS | 20. 1320. \$\frac{1}{4}\$ (5) | \$\frac{1}{4}\$ (7) REPRESENTATIVE SALES. HOGS-Movements the past 24 hours: white, 25@25\\(\frac{1}{2}\)c.

OATS-Cash-No. 2 mixed, 18@18\(\frac{1}{2}\)c: No.

There was a fair Saturday's business done yesterday but prices ruled about 2½ to 5c lower than Friday's early sales, but much the same as that day's close. Packers were all out in the yards and wanted supplies and the pens were cleared without trouble at the decline. The extreme range was \$2.50@3.85; bulk of sales, \$3.20@3.85.

Av.Wt. Price, No. Av.Wt. Price, 122 \$3 20 | 145 | 193 \$3 75 | 220 | 3 80 70 | 251 | 3 80 | 227 | 3 80 | 62 | 168 | 3 70 | 223 | 3 75 | 69 | 288 | 3 80 | 323 | 3 85 | 69 | 270 | 3 85 | 50..... 323..... 3 85 69..... 270.... 3 85 CUTOUTS, INSPECTED SOWS AND SHEEP-Movements for the past 24

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REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

Av.Wt. Price.

44 00 HORSES AND MULES-Movements for the past 24 hours:

Stock Grand Ave. Yards. Stables. owever, were at steady prices We quote: HORSES-Draft horses, good

1.250 to 1.450 pounds. \$40.00@ 60.00
Extra draft \$65.00@100.00
Drivers, good \$25.00@ 60.00
Drivers, extra \$5.00@100.00
Saddlers, common to good \$20.00@6.50.00 extra common to good..... Saddlers, extra 50 00/2100 00 Southern mares and horses 10 00/2 35 00 Piugs 5 00/2 15 00 MULES—Mules 13 to 14 hands MULES-Mules, 13 to 14 hands,

MULES—Mules, 13 to 14 hands, 4 to 7 years, good flesh and hair. 15 00@ 25 09 Mules, 14 to 15 hands, 4 to 7 years, good flesh and hair... 37 50 55 00 Mules, 15 to 15½ hands, 4 to 7 years, good flesh and hair... 45 00@ 60 00 Mules, 15½ to 16 hands, 4 to 7 years, good flesh and hair... 60 00@ 75 00 Mules, 16 to 16½ hands, extra good flesh and hair... 75 00@115 00

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET. Generally Steady and Most Fresh Stuff Moving Fairly.

Quotations below are for job lots. On small lots higher prices are asked and ob-tained, enough being asked to cover extra cost of caring for and filling them. BUTTER-Creamery continues weak and

BUTTER—Creamery continues weak and market slow. Fancy separator, 16c; firsts, 15c; dairy, fancy, 12c; fair, 9c; store packed, 8c; packing stock, steady, 6½c; country roll, neatly packed and sweet, 10c; choice, 9c; mussy, unwrapped stock, 7c.
EGGS—Firmer and in fair demand. Strictly fresh, 7½c per dozen.
POULTRY—Turkeys weak, but hens and springs steady. We quote as follows:

per dozen. Dandelions, 25@40c per busheli in a small way. Water cress, 25c per dozen bunches in a small way. Hand picked navy beans, \$1.00@1.10 per bushel; Lima beans, 24@32c per pound; split peas, 24c per pound. Asparagus, 10@15c per pound. Leek 15c per dozen. Chives, 25c per dozen bunches. Texas wax beans, \$5c per 45 bushel box; Texas green flat beans, 65c; green, round, 75c. Radish tops, 25@40c bushel in a small way. New peas, \$1.75 per bushel in a small way. New peas, \$1.75 per bushel box. Kale, 20c per bushel. Illinois mushrooms, 40c per pound box. Summer squash, \$1.00 per dozen.

Wool, Hides and Pelts.

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WOOL-Demand light but values unchanged. Quoted as follows: Missouri and similar-Fine. \$610c; combing. 19614c; coarse, 12613c. Kansas, Nebraska and Indian Territory-Fine. 668c; fine medium, 7610c; medium, 8612c; combing. 10612c; coarse, 9610c. Colorado-Fine, 8610c; fine medium, 9611c; medium, 10612c; coarse and carpet, 9610c; extra heavy and sandy, 768c. HIDES AND PELTS-Market quiet but steady. Quoted: Green and salted free of steady. HIDES AND FELTS—Market quiet but steady. Quoted: Green and salted, free of brands, flat, per pound, No. 1, 7%c; No. 2, 6%c; free of brands, flat, 7%c; green salted, side branded, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6%c; green salted kips, 15 to 25 pounds, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c; green salted calf, 8 to 15 pounds, No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 8c; green, uncured, No. 1, 5%c. Sheep pelts, green, 25@55c; dry, 4%g5%c per pound. st. Louis, April 24.-WOOL-Steady, but slow sale; combing, 17c; light fine, 3926 3c; heavy fine, 763c; medium, 136159c; tub washed, 176249c.

Provisions.

A very good movement was had in cash meats yesterday and prices steady and rather firm. But car lot trading light, as packers were disposed to hold above buyers' views.
We quote in car lots:
GREEN MEATS—Shoulders, \$4.50@4.75 per cwt: hams, \$0.00@8.75.
LARD—Cash, \$4.00; April, \$4.00.
SWEET PICKLED MEATS—Hams, \$8.00 @8.75; shoulders, \$5.00@5.25. SWEET FICKLED MEATS—Hams, \$8.00 98.75: shoulders, \$5.0065.25. DRY SALT MEATS—Shoulders, cash, \$5.0065.25 per cwt.; short rib sides, cash, \$1.7064.75; long clear sides, \$4.7064.75; short clear sides, \$4.9064.95.

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Rooms 159-160 Live Stock Exchange Bldg. CAPITAL STOCK \$250,000, PAID UP. Buying Stockers and Feeders given special attention. Reasonable Advances to Feeders. Tel. 1849.

HE DRUMS UP TRAVEL. Novel Employment That Yields More

Than \$3,000 a Year. rom Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. "I am willing to bet that you can't guess what I do for a living in ten guesses," re narked a well dressed man on the Empire

State express the other day.

The proposition was rather strange. The The proposition was rather strange. The man was one of a half hundred men just like him who sat about the car reading, smcking, or playing cards. There were no external features to indicate the man's business, but the casual traveler would have said that he was a traveling man for some large firm, possibly carrying a dry goods or shoe line. The newspaper man had made his acquaintances at the station and boarding the train had taken his seat beside him. The man seemed to know that he was talking to a reporter, in fact, it is probable that he gleaned that information from some of the newspaper man's friends at the depot. After a cigar or two, during which time the conversation had been about commonplace things, the man suddenly braced up, knocked the ashes from his cigar, and shot the question at his seatmate. The latter admitted the probable truth of the statement, and then asked the natural question:

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"Well, ten years ago I was a newspaper man in Chicago. I never had a college education, and while the city editor used to say I had the nose for news, I could not put my stuff into good English. So, when the young blood began to come into the newspaper offices and the college graduate was no longer ridiculed by the old-fashioned editors, I went out. I had a lot of good clothes, but I was out of a job. I hardly knew where to turn when a bright idea struck me, and I have been following out that idea ever since.

"I am a professional traveler. No. I do not presume that you understand me, but "I am a professional traveler. No. 1 do not presume that you understand me, but I will explain. The Americans are travel-ing people, not tourists, but hustling trav-elers. That's premise No. 1. Secondly, for-eigners are in the habit of visiting Amereigners are in the hant of visiting America to see the sights. I thought of this and went to the general passenger agent of a great Western railroad and unfolded my idea. It is this: There is always a sharp competition for passenger traffic west of Chicago. The various roads leading across

competition for passenger traffic west of Chicago. The various roads leading across the plains advertise extensively in Eastern magazines, have bureaus in New York and Boston, and send agents to the landings of the Atlantic steamships. The purpose of these various kinds of advertisements is to persuade tourists, English, French, German or any other foreigners who have come to see America, to cross the continent to the Golden Gate over the lines of a particular company. Occasionally, there is a young and unsophisticated married couple who need advice as to hotels and routes.

"In a word, I am a personal advertiser. I board the train at New York at least twice a week. I spot the travelers, get acquainted with them and then insinuatingly ask them where they are going. After I learn, I ask them if they have ever ridden over such and such a road. Of course, they haven't, and I remark casually that I am going West as far as Chicago by the B. & B., which is always the same road that they intend to patronize. Then they ask me if I know anything about the lines west of Chicago. I always do, you can bet, and I tell them that I am an old traveler, and that I have always found the best service on the B., M. & W. I crack the merits of the road up to the limit.

"I get a salary of \$2,000 a year for doing it, besides my expenses paid to me by the road. Then I continue acquaintance until

it, besides my expenses paid to me by the road. Then I continue acquaintance until I get to Buffalo, and tell them that I know the Eastern agent of the B., M. & W., located in that city, and that I think I could, through my friendship with him, fit them out with tickets over the B., M. & W. to Denver or 'Frisco, or any place they want to go.

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"It generally works, and I see them safely on board the train and then suddenly remember that I have left my grip at the parcel stand. I go back to get it, wait until the train has pulled out, and then board the next train for New York, where I repeat the operation. I tell you I did a big business world's fair year. In the winter I post up on the beauties of the scenery along the B., M. & W., the solemn grandeur and all that stuff, and in the summer time I tell of the beauties of the plains. Did you ever see them? I think they are the dreariest sight under creation.

"Incidentally, I get a commission from two hotels in Chicago for recommending travelers to patronize them. That helps out considerably. I have had a good time this trip. Back in the next coach are three young married couples on their way to California. They came up from New York with me yesterday afternoon and stopped off in Rochester over night. I got acquainted with the men, was introduced to the three brides, jollied them along, and made myself generally useful to the three husbands. The result is that I bunched them all into a Rochester ticket office this morning and made them buy transportation to Los Angeles by way of the B., M. & W. I got a commission from the local agent, too." got a commission from the

Got Hold of It.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. music yesterday when one member strove to recall the name of a certain composer, "I can't remember it to save my life." she said, "although it is on my tongue's end. As near as I can come name is doorknob." "Doorknob," repeated one of the others,

"There is no composer whose name sounds anything like that. I'll go over a few names: Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Wagner, Haydn, Handel—"
"That's it," interrupted the forgetful one. "It's Handel. I knew it was something you seized with your hands."

A Brilliant Coup.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mr. Gaswell—"The Cuban junta in New York has information that the insurgents contemplate a brilliant stroke with which they expect to end the war and win their independence."

Mr. Dukane—"What is the nature of this brilliant stroke? Do they expect to carry Havana by a sudden dash and make Weyler prisoner?" Mr. Gaswell—"No, they will simply kid-nap Weyler's typewriter and run off to Florida."

Absorbing Ambition.

From the Philadelphia North American.
"Did you say that boy of yours was ambitious?"
"Ambitious! Well, I should say! Why, that boy does nothing but sit around all day and think of the great things he's going to do!"

Handicapped.

From Town Topics.
"So you want to be a prima donna?"
"Yes."
"You are too pretty; I shall have to put
you in the chorus."

OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN.

CATTLE BUSINESS IS RESHAPING IT-SELF IN THE NORTHWEST.

Cattle Raising Will in the Future Be Prosecuted on New Lines-Better Winter Care Must Be Taken of Stock Than in Past.

In the Northwest, as elsewhere in the Western cattle world, the business is reshaping itself and in the future cattle raising will be prosecuted on new lines, F. W. Flato, Jr., who has just returned from the Northwest Cattle Growers' convention, at Miles City, says that ranchmen of that section are fast coming to the conclusion that better winter care must be taken of their cattle than in the past, and that the tendency is to break up the big herds and hold in smaller ones, and feed roughness in stormy weather, and thus help their cattle through the hard places in the winter. The streams will be damned and valleys irrigated, and alfalfa raised on a large scale. The win-ter's less, while heavy, was not so large as has been reported. In Montana, Northwest Dakota, and Northeast Wyoming the loss is placed at 20 per cent, and mainly fell upon stock cattle and such as were carried north last season. The death rate among native beef steers was not large. The heavy snows assure splendid pasturage and plenty of fat cattle next fall, and it is estimated that the Northwest will market the coming season 250,000 to 300,000 cat-tle. From Wyoming and wherever there is a fighting chance, Kansas City will get

is a fighting chance, Kansas City will get her share.

Topeka, Kas., April 24.—(Special.) The state sanitary commission, through Chairman Taylor Riddle, to-day sent a petition to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson at Washington, asking him to medity the rule adopted by his department in '95 which practically quarantined the Kansas City stock yards as a sheep murket. The commission asks that the rule be so modified as to permit sheep which come to the Kansas City market to be reshipped to Eastern markets. It claims that if the proper restrictions are thrown around the market the ends sought for can be accomplished. As it is now the sheep men avoid the Kansas City yards altogether with their sheep afflicted with "sneep scab," and ship them in a roundabout way where no government inspectors can get at them at all. Mr. Riddle says that it would be better to let them pass through the proper channels and be inspected, than to quarantine the Kansas City yards and permit the raisers to ship infected sheep avoiding government inspectors altogether. The quarantine against catle in the eight counties in Southwestern Missouri, which was fixed by the Kansas Ilve stock sanitary commission a few weeks ago, will be raised within the next week. Chairman Riddle said that the commission had discovered that it had made a mistake in the matter and would rescind its action at the next meeting. He said that it had been shown to the satisfaction of the board that there was no danger whatever in permitting cattle being shipped from those counties to the Kansas City market.

Visitors at the Yards With Stock. Brown & Houston, Wilsie, Kas., had in

House & Woulfe, Newton, Kas., had in hogs yesterday. J. W. Ballard, Colony, Kas., got feeders Sambell & Meinicke, Greenleaf, Kas., had Workman & Cowgill, Emporia, Kas., had J. P. Edwards, Butler, Mo., came in yes-

H. Dean & Co., La Fontaine, Kas., had E. Beardsley, Talala, I. T., came in yesterday with hogs. W. P. Wilmoth, Vilas, Kas., came in yes-erday with hogs. John Armstrong, Hume, Mo., was here yesterday with hogs. D. S. Young, Burlington, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs.
S. C. Clymer, Pawnee, O. T., was on the yards yesterday with hogs. Alex Knott, Belle Plaine, Kas., was at the yards yesterday with hogs.
L. W. Marley, Oswego, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs and cattle.

was on the yards yesterday with hogs. LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

R. H. Drennon, Hennessey, O. T., was at the yards yesterday with hogs.

South Omaha, April 24.—CATTLE—Recipts, 1,200. Market steady. Beeves, \$3.75
74.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.45; cows, \$2.00@3.75.
HOGS—Receipts, 4,100. Market a shade firmer. Top, \$3.90; bulk, \$3.82\frac{1}{2}\text{@3.55}.
SHEEP—Receipts, 200. Market steady.

St. Louis, April 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300. Market steady. Native beeves, \$3.85 HOGS-Receipts, 1,500. Market steady. Top. \$3.95. SHEEP-Receipts, 1,700. Market steady. Chicago, April 24.—CATTLE-Receipts, 500 The week closed with average prices for beef cattle 10glisc lower than a week ago, the increased receipts causing a weaker market for lightweights and inferior beeves. Choice cattle have shown to

beeves. Choice cattle have shown no change. To-day's arrivals were too small to constitute a market. The few offerings were readily disposed of at yesterday's prices.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,000. There was a fair general demand for hogs at \$3,659(4.15, light-weights declining the least and heavy the most. Heavy sold at \$3,669(4.07% and light-weights brought \$1,906(4.15); the bulk crossweights brought \$1.9998.15; the Duik crossing the scales at \$1.0924.05.

SHEEP—The market closed steady at \$2.093.30 for inferior, up to \$1.7595.00 for good to choice wethers. Lambs were salable at \$1.5095.55, being about 35c higher have de-

than a week ago, while sheep have de-clined 15035c in the same period. Funny How-Do-You-Do's.

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From Harper's ound Table.

Most amusing are the styles of salutation in different countries, and also very interesting. The following are a few that have recently been brought to notice:

The Chinese gentleman, meeting a friend, shakes his own hand also and inquires in the most complimentary terms about his friends health. The friend shakes his own hand also and answers that he is well, but calls himself the most abusive names he can think of, and they pass on.

The French and Italian gentlemen kiss and embrace their men friends when they feel great delight at meeting.

The American fool grasps his friend's hand at a level with his hat and gently liggles it. gles it.
The politician, just before election, meeting a voter, slaps him vigorously on the back and shakes his hand at the same ime.

The Gambler islanders rub their noses and if their welcome is very hearty they hold their breath for a few seconds and then give a most alarming sniff, thereby showing great pleasure at meeting you.

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The Powerful French Remedy, 'Dr. DeLap's New Tonic Pills'

Produces above result in 20 DAYS. Acts powerfully and quickly. Cured others, will cure you. Young men regain lost manhood, old men recover youthful vigor. Cures IMPOTENCY, NIGHTLY EMISSIONS, FAILING MEMORY, WASTING DISEASES by striking at seat of disease. Great NERVE TONIC and BLOOD PURIFIER. Brings back PINK GLOW TO PALE CHEEKS, restores FIRE OF YOUTH. Insist on "DE LAP'S"—no other is equal. Prepared from the prescription of DR. DE LAP, the great French physician; thirty years practice, hospital and office, in Paris, on Nervous Diseases. Can be carried in vest pocket. Sent by mail (sealed, postage paid, \$1.00 package, or SIX PACKAGES FOR \$5.00, WITH A WRITTEN GUARANTEE TO POSITIVELY CURE OR REFUND THE MONEY. For sale by

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